

REMARKS

The concurrently submitted IDS includes four foreign references cited in the foreign Office Actions (see NPL1 and NPL2 documents) in related application SN. 10/585,654 (attorney docket no. YAMA-0135). Applicants believe that other references cited in NPL1 and NPL2 have been previously cited and considered by the examiner.

Applicants submit that the pending claims remain in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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